

Edward Durtschi Barn

Edward Durtschi was an immigrant from Switzerland, near the turn of the 20th Century, to Midway, Utah. He purchased the property upon which this barn was built, from Anton Anderson on 21 Nov 1908. Edward then built this barn, with help of his sons, shortly thereafter. It was used for his cows and hay storage.

The process of building the barn was arduous, because Edward and his sons had to make many trips up Snake Creek to cut and haul red pine timbers out, for the construction, on their wagon to Moroni Blood's sawmill. Moroni would then cut the timbers and lumber into the desired dimensions. Then they would haul the material on down to the farm. Edward's talent and industrious nature is reflected in this barn building and the fact that he persisted until they had it finished, is a credit to them all.

The Swiss practice of herding, pasturing, feeding and milking cows was part of the life of Edward Durtschi in the old country, for family income, so it was natural for the family to pursue this type of livelihood in their new country, which was very similar to their homeland.

The barn still has the stalls, hayloft, and lean-tos and is sturdy now as the people who built it. It is located just north of the "Homestead" Entrance, opposite the open hot pots nearby.

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